

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-6 and 10-24 were pending. Claims 10-14 and 22-24 were allowed and claims 1-6 and 15-21 were withdrawn from consideration. Following this amendment claims 1-6 are cancelled, claims 15-21 have been rejoined, claim 15 has been amended to depend upon allowed claim 10. Thus, following this amendment, claims 10-24 are pending and allowable.

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that the application is in condition for allowance, except for minor informalities. In particular, the Examiner requires that the non-elected process claims 1-6 and 15-21 be cancelled or amended to include all of the limitations of the article claims. By this amendment, process claims 1-6 have been cancelled and 15-21 have been amended to depend upon allowed article claim 10.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that since the changes requested by the Examiner in the *Quayle* Action have been implemented, the above-referenced application should be allowed. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore earnestly solicited.

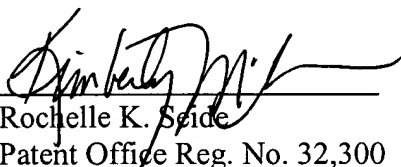
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this application if any issues remain outstanding.

A check in payment of the one month extension of time fee is enclosed..

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